



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety Makes 847 Arrests for Impaired Driving During the Holidays

Officers from the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) participating in seven law enforcement task forces throughout the state arrested 847 people for impaired driving. This covers the holiday period starting November 22, 2007 and ending January 4, 2008.

Among the 847 impaired drivers arrested by DPS during this period, 120 were charged with extreme DUI.

These totals also reflect increased efforts by DPS officers to identify and stop impaired drivers while on routine patrol during the holiday period and not just while participating in task force operations.

“We at DPS are proud to be a part of the various DUI task forces operating throughout the state. Unfortunately, the number of arrested impaired drivers is on the increase but the good news is they are being taken off the streets by our officers and that helps insure public safety,” said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

*The mission of the Arizona Department of Public Safety, one of the most dynamic state-level law enforcement agencies in the United States, is to protect human life and property by enforcing state laws, deterring criminal activity, assuring the safety of the motoring public on Arizona's highways and providing vital scientific, technical and operational support to other criminal justice agencies. The Department, also one of Arizona's largest law enforcement agencies with some 2,200 sworn and civilian employees, consists of four divisions – Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Criminal Justice Support and Agency Support. The Department is headquartered in Phoenix and has offices located in more than 80 communities within Arizona's 15 counties.*

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